

AWARDS FOR THE CAPTURE OF BOOTH AND OTHERS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the House of the 10th instant, calling for the findings of the commission for the capture of J. W. Booth and D. E. Herold.

APRIL 19, 1866.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, April 18, 1866.

SIR: In further answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of April 10, calling for the findings of the commission for the capture of J. W. Booth and D. E. Herold, I have the honor to report, that since my answer to that resolution, to wit, on the 16th instant, the final report of the commission was made to this department. A copy of the findings called for by said resolution is herewith submitted. There being numerous conflicting claimants for the rewards offered for the apprehension of the murderers of the late President, Abraham Lincoln, and for the rewards offered by the proclamation of President Johnson for the apprehension of Jefferson Davis and others, hereto annexed, it became necessary to appoint a commission to examine and determine the respective claims. For that purpose the following order was issued, and public notice thereof given:

[“General Orders No. 65.”]

“WAR DEPARTMENT,
“Adjutant General’s Office, Washington, November, 24, 1865.

“Ordered, That—

“1. All persons claiming reward for the apprehension of John Wilkes Booth, Lewis Payne, G. A. Atzerodt, and David E. Herold, and Jefferson Davis, or either of them, are notified to file their claims and their proofs with the Adjutant General, for final adjudication by the special commission appointed to award and determine upon the validity of such claims, before the first day of January next, after which time no claims will be received.

“2. The rewards offered for the arrest of Jacob Thompson, Beverley Tucker, George N. Saunders, William G. Cleary, and John H. Surratt are revoked.

“By order of the President of the United States:

“E. D. TOWNSEND,

“Assistant Adjutant General.”

Claims continued to be presented after the expiration of the time specified in that order; and on the 16th instant, a year having elapsed from the date of the murder of Mr. Lincoln, it was considered that ample time had been allowed, and the commission were directed to make their final report.

The result of the examination and the conclusions reached by the commissioners will, no doubt, be excepted to by many of the claimants. An appropriation will be required for payment, and the action of Congress is respectfully invited to the subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWIN M. STANTON,

Secretary of War.

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

REWARDS OFFERED FOR THE ARREST OF JEFFERSON DAVIS AND
OTHERS, MAY 2, 1865.

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it appears, from evidence in the Bureau of Military Justice, that the atrocious murder of the late President, Abraham Lincoln, and the attempted assassination of the honorable William H. Seward, Secretary of State, were incited, concerted, and procured by and between Jefferson Davis, late of Richmond, Virginia, and Jacob Thompson, Clement C. Clay, Beverley Tucker, George N. Saunders, William C. Cleary, and other rebels and traitors, against the government of the United States, harbored in Canada:

Now, therefore, to the end that justice may be done, I, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, do offer and promise for the arrest of said persons, or either of them, within the limits of the United States, so that they can be brought to trial, the following rewards:

One hundred thousand dollars for the arrest of Jefferson Davis.

Twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of Clement C. Clay.

Twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of Jacob Thompson, late of Mississippi.

Twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of George N. Saunders.

Twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of Beverley Tucker.

Ten thousand dollars for the arrest of William C. Cleary, late clerk of Clement C. Clay.

The Provost Marshal General of the United States is directed to cause a description of said persons, with notice of the above rewards, to be published.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this second day of May, in the year of our

Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the independence of the United States of America the eighty-ninth.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:

W. HUNTER, *Acting Secretary of State.*

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., January 13, 1866.

SIR: The undersigned, having been designated by you to examine and report upon the claims of parties to the rewards heretofore offered by the government for the apprehension of the assassin of President Lincoln, and of his accomplices, and for the capture of Jefferson Davis, have the honor to submit as follows in regard to the proper distribution and apportionment of the sums in question:

I.

The offers of rewards for the arrest of Booth and his associates, (or for information which might conduce thereto,) publicly made by the authority of the government, were three in number:

1. On April 15, last, the day after the murder of the President, and the assault upon the Secretary of State, a notice was issued and published by Major General C. C. Augur, commanding the department of Washington, in which it was announced that "a reward of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) will be paid to the party or parties arresting the murderer of the President, Mr. Lincoln, and the assassin of the Secretary of State, Mr. Seward, and his son."

2. On the next day, April 16, a notice was published by Colonel L. C. Baker, provost marshal of the War Department, in which the same sum (\$10,000) was offered as a reward "for the arrest and conviction" of Booth and Payne.

3. The assassin of the President remaining still at large, the following publication was, on April 20, issued by the honorable Secretary of War:

"WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 20, 1865.

"To General DIX:

"Fifty thousand dollars reward will be paid by this department for the apprehension of the murderer of the President.

"Twenty-five thousand dollars reward will be paid for the apprehension of Atzerodt, one of Booth's accomplices.

"Twenty-five thousand dollars reward will be paid for the apprehension of Herold, another of Booth's accomplices.

"A liberal reward will be paid for any information that shall conduce to the arrest of either of the above-named criminals, or their accomplices. All persons harboring or secreting the said persons, or either of them, or aiding or assisting their concealment or escape, will be treated as accomplices in the murder of the President and the attempted assassination of the Secretary of State, and shall be subject to trial before a military commission, and the punishment of death.

"EDWIN M. STANTON, *Secretary of War.*"

I. The first question arising upon these offers is, what specific payments are contemplated therein, and what parties are intended as entitled to such payments.

Upon this point it is here to be remarked that all these offers were put forth by the *same* authority—that of the Secretary of War—and that the last, so far as regards the sum to be paid for the apprehension of Booth, should, as it is conceived, be construed as a *substitute* for the two former. This most important arrest not having been effected at the end of nearly a week after the commission of the crime, a new inducement for securing it was resorted to by the government, by the offer of a greatly increased sum; not, as it is understood, *in addition to* those announced in the first instance, but as superseding the same, and as representing the full and final reward determined to be properly payable for the service in question. But so far as concerns the arrest of *Payne*

the two former publications must, it is thought, be deemed substantive and operative offers of reward. Otherwise, indeed—as his arrest was effected prior to the date of the last publication, and no offer of remuneration therefor was accordingly made therein—his captors would be left without any compensation whatever. Moreover, as both these offers were equally authoritative, and there is nothing to show that the one issued on the 16th was intended as a substitute for that of the day before, it is concluded—in view of the importance of the apprehension of this conspirator, and of the fact that abundant provision was otherwise subsequently made for the captors of his associate—that half of the sum specified in the two offers, to wit, the full amount of ten thousand dollars, should be awarded to those engaged in securing this prisoner.

It is next to be observed, that, before the date of the offer of April 20, there had already been arrested and were in the custody of the government—of the conspirators and accomplices of Booth, besides Payne—*Surratt, Mudd, O'Laughlin, Arnold, and Spangler*. The cases of the arrests of these criminals, therefore, (none of whom, indeed, are alluded to in the publication,) are clearly not within the terms of that offer; and it has been perceived that none of them are indicated or apparently contemplated in the offers of the 15th and 16th, where are promised specific rewards for Booth and Payne alone. It has been concluded, therefore, that neither the party or parties who effected the apprehension of any of these five, (arrested at the time upon suspicion merely, though subsequently ascertained to be conspirators,) nor such party or parties as may have furnished information conducing thereto, are entitled to any portion of the reward.

But in the case of Atzerodt, a specific reward for his arrest *is* offered in the publication of April 20; and the fact that he was taken on the same day should not, it is conceived, exclude his captors from receiving such reward; and they are, therefore, concluded to be entitled to the same.

It is to be added that no compensation for *information* is offered in the notices of the 15th and 16th of April; no reward, therefore, is payable for information conducing to the arrest of *Payne*.

The conclusion is thus arrived at that the rewards in question are payable, generally, as follows:

To the parties effecting the arrest of Booth, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, (\$50,000.)

To the party effecting the arrest of Herold, twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$25,000;)

Or to the parties—for they were the same—who arrested both Booth and Herold, seventy-five thousand dollars, (\$75,000.)

To the parties effecting the apprehension of Atzerodt, twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$25,000.)

To the parties effecting the arrest of Payne, ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000.)

To the party or parties furnishing, on or subsequent to April 20, and prior to the arrest of the prisoner in each case, any information which conduced to the arrest of either Booth, Herold, Atzerodt, or their accomplices, a “liberal reward.”

II. The question next to be determined is, to what specific individuals these amounts are to be awarded.

And here it is to be remarked, that the cases of persons (if there be any such) whose claims are either not formally presented, (either by themselves, or by those authorized to represent them—as, for instance, their commanding officers,) have not been considered by the undersigned.

In view of the long period which has elapsed since the arrests were made, as well as of the published order of the War Department, requiring that all claims should be filed with the Adjutant General on or before January 1, 1866, ample time and opportunity have certainly been afforded to all parties, deeming them-

selves interested in the distribution of these moneys, to prefer their claims and support them by evidence; and it is probable, indeed, that all such have done so.

To proceed, then, to ascertain to what parties among such claimants is to be paid the reward in each case—it appears, from all the testimony, as follows:

1st. That the parties who made the arrest of *Booth* and *Herold* were a detachment of the 16th New York cavalry, (consisting of Lieutenant E. P. Doherty, commanding, and two sergeants, seven corporals, and seventeen privates,) accompanied by E. J. Conger and L. B. Baker, two employés in the detective service of Colonel L. C. Baker, provost marshal, &c., the officer who originated and directed the expedition, though not personally accompanying it. Upon the principles and legal analogies hereafter referred to, it is concluded that the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars is to be divided between Colonel Baker, detectives Conger and Baker, and Lieutenant Doherty and his command.

2d. That the parties who immediately effected the arrest of Atzerodt were Sergeant Z. W. Gemmill (commanding) and six privates, all of company D, 1st Delaware cavalry. It appears that this detachment was ordered to proceed to a certain locality and arrest a suspicious person, (who turned out, but was not then known to be Atzerodt,) and that the authority who originated and issued (through the medium of Captain Townsend, of said company) the order was Major E. R. Artman, 213th Pennsylvania volunteers, commanding post at Monocacy Junction.

The detachment was accompanied by a citizen, J. W. Purdum, who had previously (but on the 19th, and, therefore, prior to the date of the offer of the reward) communicated the *information* in regard to the whereabouts of the suspected person which led to the sending out of the detachment for his arrest. Mr. Purdum acted voluntarily as a guide to the party, and faithfully conducted them to the house of Richter, where Atzerodt was found. Under these circumstances, it is conceived that he may properly be regarded as one of the parties effecting the arrest; and it is concluded, therefore, that the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) is to be divided between Major Artman, Sergeant Gemmill and his squad, and Purdum.

3d. That the parties who arrested Payne were Brevet Major H. W. Smith, Assistant Adjutant General, assisted by five special officers or detectives—R. C. Morgan, William M. Wermerskirch, Charles H. Rosch, Ely Devoe, and Thomas Sampson. Major Smith, who is deemed to have commanded the party, appears to have acted more immediately under the orders of Colonel H. H. Wells, provost marshal of the defences south of the Potomac, by whom he was instructed to occupy the house of Surratt and arrest all persons who might come there; but the special officers and detectives named were the assistants or employés of Colonel H. S. Olcott, special commissioner of the War Department. This officer was at the time co-operating with Colonel Wells, Colonel J. A. Foster, and others, in the active measures then being pursued for the detection of the criminals, and appears to have joined in the instructions and suggestions communicated to Major Smith, to whom also he furnished the detail from his force. In view of these circumstances, and of the close association of Colonel Olcott with Colonel Wells in the general investigation, it is believed that the claims of the former should be alike considered with those of the latter in the apportionment of the reward of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000;) which should, therefore, as it is concluded, be divided between these officers and Major Smith and his assistants. Colonel Foster, who was immediately associated with Colonels Olcott and Wells in this investigation, prefers no claim to the reward.

4th. Proceeding to the matter of the reward for *information*, it is determined that no party is entitled to any reward for the information which conduced to the arrest of Atzerodt, inasmuch as this information was furnished prior to the date of the notice in which such reward was offered. The person, however, who, on April 19, was directly instrumental in conveying this information to the

military authorities, was Mr. J. W. Purdum, who has been already determined to be entitled to a share of the reward as one of the parties by whom the arrest was effected.

5th. It is furthermore concluded that no party is strictly entitled to any reward for information which conduced to the capture of Booth or Herold, inasmuch as no claimant is found to have furnished on or after April 20, and between that date and the day of the arrest, any such intelligence as can be deemed to have led to the arrest as actually made.

In the first place, upon what information Colonel Baker proceeded in sending out the expedition which, on April 26, overtook and seized the two fugitives, is in no manner disclosed or intimated in his official report.

In a paper, however, filed by Messrs. Conger and Baker, and indorsed and commended to the attention of the Secretary by General Baker, it is stated that the information in question was derived, on April 24th, from "an old negro," from whom it was obtained and reported on the same day to General Baker by Theodore Woodall, "one of his men;" and that this information was to the effect that Booth and Herold had crossed the Potomac near Mathias Point on the night of Saturday, April 22. But the name of this negro is not made known, nor has any claim whatever been filed by such a person. Whether or not, therefore, any one might be deemed entitled to a compensation for this information cannot be determined.

In the next place, the item of intelligence furnished through Major J. R. O'Beirne, and regarded both by him, Colonel Wells, and the telegrapher who transmitted it to Washington, S. H. Beckwith, as having directly conduced to the arrest, cannot, it is conceived, be properly so considered. This information, which had been gathered by employes of Major O'Beirne, was contained in a telegram of April 24, from Port Tobacco, to the Assistant Secretary of War, in which it was set forth that two persons, believed to be Booth and Herold, had crossed the Potomac on the morning of April 16, from Swan Point, in Maryland, to White's Point, in Virginia. But it is made very clear from the testimony adduced in connexion with the late conspiracy trial that Booth and Herold actually crossed the river on or about April 21 or 22, and from the mouth of Pope's creek, below Allen's Fresh, in Maryland, to Mathias Point, in Virginia—a quite different time and locality from those specified in the telegram. The persons therein alluded to, therefore, must, it is believed, have been quite other than the fugitives; and information in regard to the crossing of such persons can hardly be considered as conducing to the arrest of Booth and his companion. For this reason, the claim for a reward for furnishing the same has been regarded as not well supported.

Various other claims, less marked, for alleged information, have been interposed; but all of them are subject to one or more of the following objections, viz: That such supposed information was not given within the period contemplated by the offer; that it in no manner induced or facilitated the capture as actually made; that it was of too loose, informal, or indefinite a character to be seriously considered; or that it was not information of *facts* in the knowledge of the informer, but only his personal theory, impression, or mental conclusion, based upon intelligence derived from others, or from various deductions and considerations.

For example, the official reports of Colonel H. H. Wells to the department commander, of April 22 and 23, may be referred to in this connexion as perhaps the most noticeable sources of such supposed information. In these reports this officer is found to have indicated quite clearly the route now understood to have been taken by the criminals, after leaving the neighborhood of the house of Mudd, as well as the point near which they effected the passage of the river. His deductions seem to have been based upon the result of the investigations then being made by officers and men acting under his directions, although by

what precise individuals is not stated. Correct as his impressions are now found to have been, it is not claimed or shown that his reports, or their substance, were made known to Colonel Baker; and it does not appear but that the latter may have acted upon information from some quite other and independent source. In the absence of any evidence connecting in any way these impressions of Colonel Wells, as thus communicated, with the action of Colonel Baker, or that of the officers who made the arrests in question, the opinion is entertained that the supposed information thus conveyed can hardly be regarded as within the provisions of the notice.

The truth in regard to this whole matter of information, probably, is, that after the date of the capture of Mudd, the conclusion was very generally and readily arrived at by those engaged in the investigation, that Booth and Herold had crossed or were about to cross the Potomac into Virginia at the nearest convenient point, and hence the fact of the claims now advanced from different sources for compensation for information in regard to such crossing or expected crossing. But, in the absence certainly of any specific claim preferred by the negro above alluded to, it cannot, it is thought, be held that proof has been laid before the undersigned that any *information of fact conducing to the actual capture* was furnished.

It is further to be observed under this head, that the publication of April 20, in offering a reward for information promoting the apprehension of Booth, Herold, Atzerodt, or their "*accomplices*," goes on to declare that "all persons harboring or secreting the said persons, or either of them, or aiding or assisting their concealment or escape, will be treated as accomplices in the murder of the President and the attempted assassination of the Secretary of State, and shall be subject to trial before a military commission, and the punishment of death." But although several parties were arrested in both Maryland and Virginia upon strong suspicion of having thus given aid and comfort to these criminals, yet none of them have been proceeded against by the government or otherwise, and a judicial determination of their supposed guilt is therefore wanting. For this reason it is considered that a reward would not properly be payable for information inducing their temporary arrest; moreover, no claim for such reward is understood to have been formally advanced from any source.

From all the testimony upon this branch of the subject, therefore, it is, as has been seen, the conclusion of the undersigned that there is no party who can be held entitled, under the offer of April 20, to a reward for furnishing *information*.

III. The question next to be determined is, in what manner and in what proportions the amounts of the several rewards are to be divided among the parties who have been concluded to be entitled thereto.

In view of the different *status* and circumstances of the individuals so entitled, the undersigned in apportioning the sums in question, have found it difficult to fix upon any precise rule equally applicable to *all* cases. Where, indeed, all the parties, among whom a certain amount is to be divided were of the same class—as all officers or soldiers in the military service—at the time of the performance of the act for which the reward was offered, its distribution is attended with comparatively little difficulty.

Where, however, *some* of the parties engaged were civilians, as detectives or special officers without military rank, their proper proportions of the amount have not been so readily ascertained.

But while in the cases of employes of the latter class, the sum to be paid has been adjusted according to an estimate of their merits and deserts in each instance. In all cases of officers and soldiers, the provisions for the distribution of *prize money* in the navy, set forth in *section 10 of chapter 174 of the act of June 30, 1864*, have been followed *so far as the same were applicable*, as, upon the whole, affording the best rule that could be adopted. The analogies between the seizure by a naval force of a vessel in the service of the public enemy, and

the capture of felons and traitors who have committed crimes in the same service and in the interest of the rebellion, are sufficiently obvious to suggest the advisability of resorting in the latter case to similar rules for the distribution of rewards to those which have been established in the former. Moreover, these rules present the only system of such distribution to be found in the public statutes, which is in any manner appropriate for the present purpose; and if not observed, some scheme, which must needs be more or less arbitrary, and therefore objectionable, would remain to be pursued.

The act referred to provides, among other things, that "the commanding officer of a fleet or squadron" shall be allowed "one-twentieth part of all prize money awarded to a vessel or vessels under his immediate command;" and further, that "the commander of a single ship shall be allowed one-tenth part of all prize money awarded to the ship under his command, if such ship at the time of making the capture was under the command of the commanding officer of a fleet or a squadron or a division, and three-twentieths if his ship was acting independently of such superior officer;" and lastly that, after the foregoing deductions, the residue shall be distributed and proportioned among all others doing duty on board, and borne upon the books of the ship, according to their respective rates of pay in the service.

With this plan of division in view, in the case of persons having military rank, and apportioning the shares of other parties upon a general estimate of the value of their services, the undersigned have fixed the proportions of the rewards to be paid the individuals entitled thereto, as follows:

1. *In the case of the reward for the arrest of Booth and Herold.*

The expedition which resulted in this arrest was originated, planned, and generally directed by Colonel L. C. Baker, who, though not accompanying it, is regarded as having occupied the position of superior and commanding officer of those by whom it was immediately conducted. He is therefore deemed to be entitled to the same share of the reward which, under the statutory rule referred to, would be payable to the commander of a squadron, by a separate ship of which a prize had been taken, to wit: one-twentieth of the whole amount to be distributed, or, in this instance, three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

The proper commanding officer of the expedition itself must, it is conceived, be deemed to have been the commander of the detachment of troops, Lieutenant E. P. Doherty. It is, indeed, represented by Colonel Baker in his official report, and is asserted both by Conger and L. H. Baker, that the entire force was placed under the command of E. J. Conger, a detective or special officer in Colonel Baker's employment, who had previously held the position of lieutenant colonel in the volunteer service, but had been formally mustered out of the service, and had, on this occasion, no military rank. But to place an individual occupying this status, however personally worthy, in authority not only over troops, but over a commissioned officer, thereby investing him with a military command, and subordinating to him, though without rank, an officer with full rank and command as such, would, ordinarily, certainly, be an anomalous and unauthorized proceeding.

Moreover, the expedition was eminently of a military character. Its special duty was to scout through a considerable region of country lately within the enemy's lines, and inhabited by a class hostile to the government, who would readily aid in the escape or concealment of the fugitives, and who could be overawed and compelled to surrender them, or give information in regard to their route, by military force alone.

The military element of the expedition is, therefore, believed to have been that which was essential to its success, and without which its results could not have been attained. As the commander of the detachment employed upon this important duty, Lieutenant Doherty was solely responsible for its discipline and

efficiency. He is found to have been active and energetic, and it is believed to be established by the weight of testimony that it was he who personally made the actual seizure of Herold. It was he, too, (in conjunction with Mr. Baker,) who obtained the first reliable information which rendered the capture of the criminals almost certain; and though, in the direction of the investigation, the initiative would seem more frequently to have been taken by Conger, yet Lieutenant Doherty is shown to have acted and been recognized as the commander of the expedition in the only written instructions which appear to have been issued during the march, to wit: those given by him to the master of the steamer which conveyed the party to and from Belle Plaine.

Upon the whole, therefore, it is concluded that, as such commander, he may properly be awarded the one-tenth portion of the whole amount which is payable by law to the commanding officer of a vessel immediately engaged in the capture of a prize; and his share will, therefore, be seven thousand five hundred dollars.

The services of Messrs. Conger and Baker upon this expedition were, no doubt, of great value; and, inasmuch as these parties immediately represented the views and intentions of Colonel Baker, their part in carrying out the original plan was particularly important. It is understood that their expenses incurred upon this duty have been reimbursed, and that they have also been paid, or are entitled to be paid, for their general services, as detectives at this period, at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars per month.

They should, however, both be liberally, and, as it is thought, equally compensated; and it is concluded that of the amount offered as reward there may properly be paid to each the sum of four thousand dollars.

Deducting the several sums thus apportioned from the full reward leaves the sum of fifty-five thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars to be divided among the enlisted men of the detachment, consisting of two sergeants, seven corporals, and seventeen privates. Referring again to the statute, it is perceived that this sum is to be distributed in the proportion of their respective pay proper, or in the ratios of twenty, eighteen, and sixteen.

It is concluded, also, that the same share should properly be apportioned to each of the sergeants, Corbett and Wendell.

The mere circumstance that the former was senior to the latter in the same grade should not, it is judged, create in his favor an exception to the general provision to the statute, the rank and pay of each being equal. Nor is the fact that Booth was shot and killed by Corbett regarded as entitling him in any sense to a larger proportion of the reward than Wendell. It clearly appears from the official reports on file that the sergeants, as well as the corporals, at the time of the seizure at Garrett's, were placed on post as private sentinels; and, moreover, that no orders to fire had been issued to the detachment. The act of Corbett as a precaution to prevent escape was quite unnecessary, and can only be justified by his apprehension that Booth was preparing to fire upon some one of the party outside the barn. Although the impulse which directed the shot was a natural one, yet the act itself, which was, indeed, an anticipation of the ordinary course of justice, is not deemed, under all the circumstances, to have been attended with such extraordinary merit as to lead, in the distribution of the reward, to a discrimination unfavorable to the claims of an equally meritorious non-commissioned officer.

The amount to be divided, therefore, has been apportioned between the enlisted men of the detachment in the ratio and shares above specified. To each sergeant is accordingly awarded the sum of two thousand five hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-eight cents; to each corporal the sum of two thousand two hundred and ninety-one dollars and nine cents; and to each private the sum of two thousand and thirty-six dollars and fifty-three cents.

The individuals and the amounts to which they are respectively entitled in this division are thus perceived to be as follows :

Colonel (now Brigadier General) L. C. Baker ^{1/20}	3,750 00
First Lieutenant (now Captain) E. P. Doherty, 16th New York cavalry ^{1/20}	7,500 00
E. J. Conger, (detective).....	4,000 00
Luther B. Baker, (detective).....	4,000 00
Sergeant Boston Corbett, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,545 68
Sergeant Andrew Wendell, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,545 68
Corporal Charles Zimmer, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,291 09
Corporal Michael Uniac, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,291 09
Corporal John Winter, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,291 09
Corporal Herman Newgarten, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,291 09
Corporal John Walz, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,291 09
Corporal Oliver Loupay, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,291 09
Corporal Michael Hornsby, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,291 09
Private John Myers, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private John Ryan, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private William Byrne, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private Philip Hoyt, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private Martin Kelley, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private Henry Putnam, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private Frank McDaniel, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private Lewis Savage, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private Abraham Genay, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private Emery Parady, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private David Baker, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private William McQuade, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private John Millington, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private Frederick Deitz, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private John A. Singer, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private Carl Steinbrugge, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Private Joseph Zisgen, 16th New York cavalry.....	2,036 53
Total.....	<u>75,000 00</u>

2. In the case of the arrest of Atzerodt.

Here the position occupied by Major Artman is held to be similar to that of Colonel Baker in the former instance. To him, therefore, is awarded one-twentieth of \$25,000, or the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars. There having been no commissioned officer in command of the force which effected the capture, (Captain Solomon Townsend, the company commander, being on the occasion simply the medium through whom the order of Major Artman, to send out the detachment, was executed,) the entire balance remains to be apportioned between Sergeant Gemmill, his six men, and Purdum. The latter, for the reasons heretofore stated, is deemed to be entitled to a liberal reward as a participator in the arrest; and the same proportion as that payable to a private has been awarded to him.

Of the balance in question, therefore, the sergeant will be entitled to twenty parts, and each of the privates and Purdum to sixteen parts; and the distribution of the whole amount will be as follows :

Major E. R. Artman 213th Pennsylvania volunteers.....	\$1,250 00
Sergeant Zachariah W. Gemmill, 1st Delaware cavalry.....	3,598 54
Private Christopher Ross, 1st Delaware cavalry.....	2,878 78
Private David H. Barker, 1st Delaware cavalry.....	2,878 78
Private Albert Bender, 1st Delaware cavalry.....	2,878 78
Private Samuel J. Williams, 1st Delaware cavalry.....	2,878 78
Private George W. Young, 1st Delaware cavalry.....	2,878 78
Private James Longacre, 1st Delaware cavalry.....	2,878 78
James W. Purdum, citizen.....	2,878 78
	<u>25,000 00</u>

3. *In the case of the arrest of Payne.*

In this case, under the statutory rule heretofore observed where applicable, and upon the grounds above set forth, Colonel H. H. Wells and Colonel H. S. Olcott would together be entitled to one-twentieth, and Major H. W. Smith to one-tenth, of the whole amount to be apportioned—ten thousand dollars. But inasmuch as the balance, after deducting these shares, would remain to be divided among *five persons only*, (special agents and detectives,) it would result that the latter would receive a much larger proportion of the reward than—in view of their relations to their superior officers—would be just or proper.

In order to render the proportions of the several shares more nearly equitable, it has been judged, upon the whole, that the simplest and best course was to increase the amounts which, under the strict rule, would be payable to these officers two and one-half times; and thus to award the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars to be equally divided between Colonels Wells and Olcott, and the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars to be paid to Major Smith.

Of the value of the services upon this capture of the five remaining claimants, the most satisfactory estimate may, it is conceived, be formed by referring to the amounts of compensation which they were receiving as assistants or employés of Colonel H. S. Olcott, special commissioner, at or about the period of this arrest. That officer reports that the pay at that time of R. C. Morgan, his deputy and chief assistant and a special appointee of the Secretary of War, was at the rate of \$2,500 per annum; that the pay of William Wermerskirch, also his assistant, was at the rate of \$2,000 per annum; that the pay of the Detectives Devoe and Rosch was at the rate of \$1,400 per annum; and that the pay of Sampson, as a detective of the Treasury Department, where up to about the date in question he had been employed, had been at the rate of \$1,200 per annum. As, however, his service under Colonel Olcott was of the same character as, and no less important than, that of the other two, it is believed that the compensation of the three should be the same; and, moreover, in accordance with the general rule observed in other cases, that no discrimination is to be made between them on account of the different duties which they may have been called upon to perform on the occasion of the arrest.

It has been concluded, therefore, that these parties may properly be compensated for their part in the arrest of Payne in the ratio of 25, 20, and 14; their services, indeed—inasmuch as the balance is to be divided among them alone, and not between them and a class occupying a different status—being estimated by a rule similar to that which would be observed in the case of enlisted men.

The reward offered in this instance is accordingly distributed to the parties named in the following shares:

Colonel (since brevet brigadier general) H. H. Wells, provost marshal, &c.....	\$625 00
Colonel H. S. Olcott, special commissioner.....	625 00
Brevet Major H. W. Smith, acting adjutant general.....	2,500 00
Richard C. Morgan, chief assistant to Colonel Olcott.....	1,795 97
William M. Wermerskirch, assistant to Colonel Olcott.....	1,436 78
Ely Devoe, detective.....	1,005 75
Charles H. Rosch, detective.....	1,005 75
Thomas Sampson, detective.....	1,005 75
	10,000 00

II.

THE REWARD FOR THE ARREST OF JEFFERSON DAVIS.

In this case the reward was offered by the President, in his proclamation of May 2d last, in which it is set forth that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) will be paid "for the arrest, within the limits of the United

States, so that he can be brought to trial," of this malefactor. (See copy of this proclamation at end of this report.)

The arrest of this chief traitor was effected on May 10, last, near Irwinsville, Georgia, by the fourth Michigan cavalry regiment, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel B. D. Pritchard, who started upon the pursuit, with his command, from Macon, Georgia, on May 7. The reward in this case, however, is also claimed by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Harnden, who, with his regiment, the first Wisconsin cavalry, also engaged in the pursuit, arrived upon the ground but a few minutes after the command of Colonel Pritchard had taken possession of the camp of Davis. Without discussing, at length, the charges which have been made by Colonel Harnden, in regard to the course adopted by Colonel Pritchard upon this pursuit, it will be sufficient to observe that, upon a careful consideration of all the evidence, these charges are not deemed to be sustained in any particular; and it is concluded by the undersigned that the latter officer, both in the pursuit and the capture, acted in entire good faith toward the former, and cannot be held responsible for the momentary unfortunate collision which took place between the two commands.

The charges in question not being sustained, it must be held that the regiment or detachment of Colonel Pritchard were the actual captors, and that it is among the officers and men, who constituted such detachment, that the specific reward for the "arrest" of Davis is to be divided.

At the same time it is proper to bear testimony to the valuable services upon this occasion of the first Wisconsin cavalry and its commander, and to note that, while the Michigan regiment is deemed, under the terms of the offer, to be entitled to the reward, the activity and zeal displayed in the pursuit by the other must commend it to a hardly less honorable mention than its more fortunate ally.

From the official reports of the fourth Michigan cavalry, filed in this department, it appears that but about 128 men and 7 officers of the regiment were immediately concerned with Colonel Pritchard in the capture; the remainder of the command, under Captain J. C. Hathaway, the next officer in rank, having been detached on the day before to act as pickets and scouting parties at and near the fords of the Ocmulgee river. Those who proceeded with the colonel to Irwinsville were selected for this purpose merely because they were of the best-mounted men of the command.

It is recommended by Colonel Pritchard that all the officers and men, whether present at the seizure or absent on the service named, should be included in the distribution of the award. This service was of a most important precautionary character, incidental to the immediate purpose of the expedition, and such as could not, without an imputation of neglect of duty, have been omitted to be provided for. The officers and men engaged in it were in all respects equally worthy with those of the smaller detachment, and their operations were equally well conducted with those of the latter. For these reasons, and upon the analogy of the principles of law which prevail in prize and salvage cases, where but little or no distinction is ordinarily observed between the claims of those immediately engaged in the act for which compensation is awarded, and those occupied with duties necessarily incidental, the recommendation of Colonel Pritchard is concurred in; and it is concluded that all the officers and men present with the expedition, whether in the advance or not, should receive equal shares, in their respective grades, of the reward offered.

To proceed, therefore, to ascertain these shares in accordance with the statutory rule of distribution which has been adopted by the undersigned, it appears that no officer superior to Colonel Pritchard—neither Colonel R. H. G. Minty, commanding division, under whose immediate instructions he was acting, nor Major General J. H. Wilson, commanding cavalry corps, from whom Colonel Minty received his orders—has preferred any claim to the reward for this arrest.

Whatever share, if any, might be deemed payable to such officer, should therefore, it is conceived, be regarded as falling into the residuum of the amount, after deducting the share of Colonel Pritchard; and his share, under the legal rule, will be one-tenth of the entire sum, or ten thousand dollars.

The balance, ninety thousand dollars, is then to be divided among the officers and soldiers in the proportion of their pay proper.

Of these officers and soldiers there are found to be—as contained in the official lists—as follows :

Two captains ; seven first lieutenants ; seven second lieutenants ; one adjutant ; one regimental quartermaster ; one regimental commissary ; one assistant surgeon ; one sergeant-major ; one hospital steward ; one commissary sergeant ; ten first sergeants ; fifty-one sergeants ; fifty-seven corporals ; six furriers ; and three hundred and fifteen (315) privates, (including one saddler, one bugler, and one wagoner, ranked as privates.)

Among these, therefore, the amount named is to be divided in the proportions of 70, 63½, 53½, 26, 24, 23, 22, 20, 18, and 16.

The shares of the several officers and men of this regiment are accordingly as follows :

Lieutenant Colonel B. D. Pritchard	\$10,000 00
Captain John C. Hathaway	729 60
Captain Charles C. Hudson	729 60
First Lieutenant Lauren H. Ripley	555 88
First Lieutenant John A. Palmer	555 88
First Lieutenant Henry S. Boutell	555 88
First Lieutenant Herbert A. Bachus	555 88
First Lieutenant Silas J. Stauber	555 88
First Lieutenant Charles W. Fisk	555 88
First Lieutenant T. H. B. Hazelton	555 88
Second Lieutenant Hiram D. Treat	555 88
Second Lieutenant John Bennett	555 88
Second Lieutenant Chancela M. Bickford	555 88
Second Lieutenant Lorenzo T. Southworth	555 88
Second Lieutenant Alfred B. Purinton	555 88
Second Lieutenant Leonard C. Remington	555 88
Second Lieutenant Samuel F. Murpley	555 88
Adjutant Julian G. Dickinson	666 10
Regimental Quartermaster Perry J. Davis	660 10
Regimental Commissary John S. Pugsley	660 10
Assistant Surgeon John A. Grooves, (9th Illinois mounted infantry)	555 88
Sergeant Major Fitz E. Stevens	271 00
Hospital Steward Amos Knight	239 72
Commissary Sergeant Harlan P. Dunning	229 30
First Sergeant Othniel E. Gooding, company A	250 15
First Sergeant John W. Bradner, company B	250 15
First Sergeant John H. Shoemaker, company C	250 15
First Sergeant Edwin Hines, company E	250 15
First Sergeant Stanley L. Nichols, company F	250 15
First Sergeant Francis Maguire, company G	250 15
First Sergeant George Hall, company H	250 15
First Sergeant E. F. Price, company I	250 15
First Sergeant George Davenport, company K	250 15
First Sergeant Wesley D. Pond, company M	250 15
Sergeant B. Frank Gooding, company A	208 45
Sergeant Thomas Davis, company A	208 45
Sergeant George H. Simmons, company A	208 45
Sergeant Thomas Riley, company A	208 45
Sergeant George Miles, company A	208 45
Sergeant Rezin Wright, company A	208 45
Sergeant Wakeman L. Grant, company B	208 45
Sergeant Morris Brass, company B	208 45
Sergeant Abel A. Braley, company B	208 45
Sergeant Simon Voght, company B	208 45
Sergeant Alondo E. Ford, company B	208 45
Sergeant Charles L. Leathers, company C	208 45
Sergeant Thomas D. Smead, company C	208 45

Sergeant Edward W. Parker, company D	\$208 45
Sergeant Robert W. Morris, company D	208 45
Sergeant David B. Green, company E	208 45
Sergeant William F. Babcock, company E	208 45
Sergeant George A. Bullard, company E	208 45
Sergeant Calhoun M. Burch, company E	208 45
Sergeant Benjamin S. Vest	208 45
Sergeant John C. Correnton, company F	208 45
Sergeant Thomas Gorman, company F	208 45
Sergeant Howard A. Dickerson, company F	208 45
Sergeant John C. Nichols, company G	208 45
Sergeant Benjamin F. Archer, company G	208 45
Sergeant Jacob N. Trask, company G	208 45
Sergeant James T. O'Brien, company G	208 45
Sergeant John Cavanaugh, company G	208 45
Sergeant Jeremiah P. Craig, company G	208 45
Sergeant William H. Palmateer, company G	208 45
Sergeant Horace B. Warner, company H	208 45
Sergeant Solomon Wightman, company H	208 45
Sergeant Samuel Van Etten, company H	208 45
Sergeant Martin Horan, company H	208 45
Sergeant Daniel O'Crotty, company H	208 45
Sergeant Emery A. Miller, company I	208 45
Sergeant Lester P. Bates, company I	208 45
Sergeant Ansel Adams, company K	208 45
Sergeant George R. Vantine, company K	208 45
Sergeant Andrew Snook, company K	208 45
Sergeant Joseph Hofmaster, company L	208 45
Sergeant John F. Beebe, company L	208 45
Sergeant Levi Tuttle, company L	208 45
Sergeant Gurdon N. Kenyon, company L	208 45
Sergeant James H. Holdsworth, company L	208 45
Sergeant Benjamin K. Colf, company L	208 45
Sergeant Alonzo C. Burnham, company L	208 45
Sergeant Edwin Pearce, company M	208 45
Sergeant George W. Collins, company M	208 45
Sergeant Roland Osgood, company M	208 45
Sergeant James W. Argo, company M	208 45
Corporal Darwin Dunning, company A	187 61
Corporal Wm. P. Smith, company A	187 61
Corporal Robert L. Reynolds, company A	187 61
Corporal Lyman J. Russell, company A	187 61
Corporal William Crow, company B	187 61
Corporal John F. Shurburn, company B	187 61
Corporal Chester Barber, company B	187 61
Corporal C. F. Parker, company B	187 61
Corporal Nelson B. Tuttle, company B	187 61
Corporal A. W. Kenney, company B	187 61
Corporal Baxter B. Bennett, company B	187 61
Corporal Abram Sebring, company C	187 61
Corporal Charles Burrell, company C	187 61
Corporal Reuben Palmerton, company C	187 61
Corporal David Q. Curry, company C	187 61
Corporal George M. Munger, company C	187 61
Corporal James Place, company D	187 61
Corporal Ephraim Truesdell, company D	187 61
Corporal William C. Stitt, company E	187 61
Corporal William H. Crittenden, company E	187 61
Corporal John Hines, company E	187 61
Corporal Dewitt C. Carr, company E	187 61
Corporal Charles W. Tyler, company E	187 61
Corporal James Peeler, company E	187 61
Corporal Dewitt C. Cobb, company F	187 61
Corporal Christian Boringer, company F	187 61
Corporal Adam Kline, company F	187 61
Corporal William F. True, company F	187 61
Corporal H. Connor, company F	187 61
Corporal George W. Vansickie, company G	187 61
Corporal John Ballon, company G	187 61
Corporal George Myers, company G	187 61

Corporal Leander B. Shaw, company G.....	\$187 61
Corporal Benton D. Thurston, company H.....	187 51
Corporal William McCune, company H.....	187 61
Corporal Daniel P. Welton, company H.....	187 61
Corporal Charles Blackall, company H.....	187 61
Corporal Herace Heath, company H.....	187 61
Corporal William H. Conover, company H.....	187 61
Corporal Jerome B. Hath, company I.....	187 61
Corporal Martin V. Pomeroy, company I.....	187 61
Corporal Preston W. Brown, company I.....	187 61
Corporal Leander Van Kleek, company K.....	187 61
Corporal Robert Dey, company K.....	187 61
Corporal Josiah R. Lewis, company K.....	187 61
Corporal Alonzo Moe, company K.....	187 61
Corporal John Morrish, company K.....	188 61
Corporal Charles Cobb, company K.....	187 61
Corporal Charles F. Tubah, company L.....	187 61
Corporal Charles C. Marsh, company L.....	187 61
Corporal William Oliver, company L.....	187 61
Corporal William G. Rowe, company L.....	187 61
Corporal Henry Shanahan, company M.....	187 61
Corporal Simeon Huff, company M.....	187 61
Corporal Samuel Wilson, company M.....	187 61
Corporal Elias M. Engling, company M.....	187 61
Corporal John E. Rankin, company M.....	187 61
Farrier Gurley B. Chase, company C.....	187 61
Farrier Watson S. Williams, company D.....	187 61
Farrier Hiram S. Youngs, company D.....	187 61
Farrier Orlando E. Carpenter, company E.....	187 61
Farrier Nathaniel Rix, company E.....	187 61
Farrier John C. Rapp, company F.....	187 61
Private Hiram Austin, company A.....	166 76
Private William Balon, company A.....	166 76
Private James B. Boyle, company A.....	166 76
Private Daniel C. Blinn, company A.....	166 76
Private John Baty, company A.....	166 76
Private Joseph Corbitt, company A.....	166 76
Private Gilbert Coata, company A.....	166 76
Private James Fullerton, company A.....	166 76
Private Peter Gallagher, company A.....	166 76
Private Timothy Hill, company A.....	166 76
Private John L. Harlan, company A.....	166 76
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Private Josiah B. Moore, company A.....	166 76
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Private Franklin A. Crim, company B.....	166 76
Private Andrew Cleary, (or Clara,) company B.....	166 76
Private Stephen Gardner, company B.....	166 76
Private Willard Huffman, company B.....	166 76
Private George Jacobs, company B.....	166 76
Private John Nicholas, company B.....	166 76
Private Solomon Powell, company B.....	166 76

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Private Alpheus F. Sheppard, company B	166 76
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Private George Worthey, company C	166 76
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Private William Wright, company F.....	166 76
Private Walter S. Mead, company F.....	166 76
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Private Abel H. Berry, company H.....	166 76

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Private Milo D. Cooper, company H.....	166 76
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Private Oscar Thomas, company H.....	166 76
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Private Hiram H. McCollough, company I.....	166 76
Private M. R. Pettit, company I.....	166 76
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Private Abraham Black, company I.....	166 76
Private C. Craig, company I.....	166 76
Private Matthias Esser, company I.....	166 76
Private H. C. Kenyon, company I.....	166 76
Private Joseph H. Abbey, company I.....	166 76
Private John Lamphere, company I.....	166 76
Private Joseph Laturno, company I.....	166 76
Private Robert Love, company I.....	166 76
Private T. Lee, company I.....	166 76
Private D. F. McVane, company I.....	166 76
Private P. D. Pettit, company I.....	166 76
Private L. C. Wilbur, company I.....	166 76
Private Charles Fetterley, company I.....	166 76
Private John T. Byers, company I.....	166 76
Private John S. Booth, company K.....	166 76
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Private John H. Cunningham, company K.....	166 76
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Private Thomas Foley, company K.....	166 76
Private William Tilkins, company K.....	166 76
Private Abram H. Fox, company K.....	166 76
Private John Higgins, company K.....	166 76
Private Decator Jacox, company K.....	166 76
Private John H. Kelch, company K.....	166 76
Private Edwin Mabie, company K.....	166 76
Private Henry Malone, company K.....	166 76
Private Smith B. Mills, company K.....	166 76
Private James R. Norton, company K.....	166 76
Private John Nelson, company K.....	166 76
Private Jacob D. Newth, company K.....	166 76

Private Edwin Potter, company K.....	\$166 76
Private Rensselaer Rawson, company K.....	166 76
Private Enoch L. Rhodes, company K.....	166 76
Private George Somers, company K.....	166 76
Private Nathaniel Root, company K.....	166 76
Private Winfield S. Tripp, company K.....	166 76
Private John S. Torrence, company K.....	166 76
Private Lucius N. Wade, company K.....	166 76
Private Charles H. Stevens, company K.....	166 76
Private Timothy Sheppard, company K.....	166 76
Private Ira D. Brooks, company L.....	166 76
Private Andrew Bec, company L.....	166 76
Private Benjamin F. Carpenter, company L.....	166 76
Private Horatio W. Cliff, company L.....	166 76
Private Albert D. Carpenter, company L.....	166 76
Private Elijah Cummins, company L.....	166 76
Private Henry Chase, company L.....	166 76
Private Rufus N. Davison, company L.....	166 76
Private Francis M. Eddy, company L.....	166 76
Private James M. Flowers, company L.....	166 76
Private Rodney G. Flower, company L.....	166 76
Private Stillman W. Green, company L.....	166 76
Private John Harrington, company L.....	166 76
Private Otis L. Holton, company L.....	166 76
Private John C. Kizer, company L.....	166 76
Private John W. Lindsley, company L.....	166 76
Private Edwin Lowe, company L.....	166 76
Private John Lowe, company L.....	166 76
Private William Munn, company L.....	166 76
Private Alonzo Miller, company L.....	166 76
Private George Noggle, company L.....	166 76
Private William Newkirk, company L.....	166 76
Private J. J. Pennfield, company L.....	166 76
Private Peter Passenger, company L.....	166 76
Private Albert B. Payne, company L.....	166 76
Private Perry Phelps, company L.....	166 76
Private James W. Robinson, company L.....	166 76
Private Henry Smith, company L.....	166 76
Private Joseph E. Stewarts, company L.....	166 76
Private Oren Tucker, company L.....	166 76
Private William West, company L.....	166 76
Private Alvah C. Fisk, company L.....	166 76
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It may be a matter of remark in regard to this distribution, that the amounts awarded to the enlisted men of the regiment are small in proportion to that awarded to their commander; but this, under the rule of division which has been followed, is a necessary result of the unusually large number of the men of the command who left Macon, Georgia, on the expedition. And though this distribution presents the extremest test of the advisability of adopting the prize rule in all these cases, it cannot, as it is conceived, be determined that there is such a disproportion in the amounts indicated as to lead to the conclusion that this rule should not be applied to the instance of this special reward. The service upon which the regiment was despatched was one of the very highest importance, and the difficulties attending it were grave and peculiar. Upon Colonel Pritchard rested the entire responsibility of this service; and to his discretion alone were necessarily left the most essential details. Bearing the responsibility of the expedition, he must mainly be credited with its success, and its results. Moreover it is clear, from the entire testimony in regard to this capture, that it was wholly through the indefatigable energy and activity of this officer that the capture was effected by his regiment at all; and that it is through his action at this juncture alone that his subordinates—officers and men—become entitled to any shares in the reward whatever.

It is here further to be noted that there have been inserted in the above list a few names of claimants (privates) which are not found in the official list filed in the department, of the detachment of this regiment which left Macon on May 7. These names have been added because of evidence furnished—which has been considered satisfactory—that they were erroneously omitted from the list; and it is barely possible that among the claimants whose claims have been rejected—because not on the list, or otherwise shown to be entitled—there may be a very few who may hereafter come forward with such testimony from their officers or fellow-soldiers as to make it apparent that they too should have been returned in the list as accompanying the command. In the event of such testimony being produced it may remain for the Secretary of War to decide whether the claimants may properly be paid, from the contingent fund, the same sums as those awarded to their comrades in the same grades.

It remains but to report, that a careful list has been prepared of all those claimants who have been adjudged by the undersigned *not* to be entitled to receive any of the specific rewards or shares therein; as also a further list of the attorneys, or legal representatives, to whom powers in due form of law have been given by *successful* claimants, or upon whom, on account of the death of such claimants, it has apparently devolved to collect and receive the amounts awarded to them in the distribution. These lists are hereto annexed, and are marked Exhibits A and B.

The powers of attorney are believed to be generally in due form of law; and it is advised that payments to the attorneys named therein will ordinarily be justified. Where, however—as in a single case noted among the captors of Davis, and in several cases noted among the captors of Booth and Herold—a party has given powers to two (or more) different attorneys, whether or not the last may contain a revocation of the former powers, as well as where a party has filed a formal revocation of his power, without giving a new one, it is recommended that no payment be made, except to the claimant in person. It is also recommended that no notice be taken of alleged assignments of claims or of any advances represented to have been made to claimants.

In conclusion, it need hardly be remarked that, though a large number of claimants are found not to be entitled, under the terms of the offers put forth by the government, to a specific compensation, the fidelity and zeal by which their services in the detection and pursuit of the conspirators were characterized are perceived to have been most conspicuous.

To these—some of whom, indeed, performed their part with the utmost efficiency, though unaware at the time that any reward whatever had been offered

for the attainment of the object which they had in view—as well as to sundry officers of the army at Washington and elsewhere, who, though engaging untiringly in the investigation, have interposed no claims to the rewards, the acknowledgments of the Executive are eminently due.

Respectfully submitted.

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.
J. HOLT,
Judge Advocate General.

Official copy :

E. D. TOWNSEND, *A. A. G.*

Hon. EDWIN M. STANTON, *Secretary of War.*

REWARDS OFFERED FOR THE ARREST OF JEFFERSON DAVIS AND OTHERS,
MAY 2, 1865.

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it appears, from evidence in the Bureau of Military Justice, that the atrocious murder of the late President, Abraham Lincoln, and the attempted assassination of the honorable William H. Seward, Secretary of State, were incited, concerted, and procured by and between Jefferson Davis, late of Richmond, Virginia, and Jacob Thompson, Clement C. Clay, Beverley Tucker, George N. Saunders, William C. Cleary, and other rebels and traitors against the government of the United States, harbored in Canada :

Now, therefore, to the end that justice may be done, I, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, do offer and promise for the arrest of said persons, or either of them, within the limits of the United States, so that they can be brought to trial, the following rewards :

One hundred thousand dollars for the arrest of Jefferson Davis.

Twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of Clement C. Clay.

Twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of Jacob Thompson, late of Mississippi.

Twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of George N. Saunders.

Twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of Beverley Tucker.

Ten thousand dollars for the arrest of William C. Cleary, late clerk of Clement C. Clay.

The Provost Marshal General of the United States is directed to cause a description of said persons, with notice of the above rewards, to be published.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this second day of May, in the year of our [L. S.] Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the independence of the United States of America the eighty-ninth.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President :

W. HUNTER, *Acting Secretary of State.*

EXHIBIT A.

Claimants adjudged to be not entitled to rewards under the terms of the published offers.

Colonel H. H. Wells, for arrest of Surratt and Mudd, and pursuit and information of Booth and Herold.

Major James R. O'Beirne, for pursuit and information of Booth, Herold, and other conspirators.

Brevet Major H. W. Smith and his party, for arrest of Surratt.

Lieutenant Alexander Lovett, Veteran Reserve Corps, and Lieutenant William Farrell, 16th New York cavalry, for arrest of Mudd, and pursuit and information of Booth and Herold.

First Lieutenant David D. Dana, 3d Massachusetts heavy artillery, for pursuit and information of Booth, Herold, and Mudd.

S. H. Beckwith, telegraph operator, for information of Booth and Herold.

George Cottingham, Joshua Lloyd, Simon Gavacan, William Williams, M. O'Callaghan, H. T. Bevans, D. A. Harrower, L. De Angelins, C. Bostwick, C. Stowell, Edward McHenry, special officers and detectives under Major J. R. O'Beirne, for pursuit and information of Booth, Herold, &c., and general services.

S. J. Richardson, Frederick Depro, John N. Waitt, and Charles Merrill, detectives in employment of Colonel Ingraham, department provost marshal, for information and general services.

J. A. W. Clarvoe and J. A. McDevitt, of Washington Metropolitan Police, for information and pursuit of conspirators and general services.

John S. Young, William G. Elder, George S. Radford, James J. Kelso, Thomas Slowey, and A. B. Newcombe, detectives of New York city, and D. P. West and J. Pierson, detectives of Baltimore, for information and general services in Maryland, &c., under orders of Colonel Wells and Major O'Beirne.

Aquilla R. Allen and W. W. Kirby, citizens, for information and general services.

John Fletcher and Oswald Swann, citizens, for information of Booth and Herold.

George W. Graham, detective of force of Colonel Baker, for pursuit of Booth, &c., in Maryland.

Lieutenant Colonel J. Nicholson, Captains Keays, Baker, Gail, and Gaylord, Lieutenant McNaughton, Assistant Surgeon Vandersmith, and a large number of enlisted men of the 16th New York cavalry, or 3d New York provisional cavalry, for pursuit of Booth and Herold, and general services.

J. F. Sharkey and W. Schuyler, deputy United States marshal eastern district of Pennsylvania, for services and expenses in searching for Booth.

Private John McGoff, 3d United States artillery, for capture of Booth.

James T. Furguson, citizen, for information of Booth and Spangler.

Charles H. Rosch, employé of Colonel Olcott, for information of Spangler.

Louis J. Weichman and John T. Holohan, citizens, for information of the Surratts, pursuit of J. H. Surratt, &c.

Mary Ann Griffin, John H. Kimball, and P. M. Clark, citizens, for the same information of Surratt, Payne, &c.

William H. Bell and Alfred Cloughly, citizens, and Private Thomas Price, 3d Massachusetts heavy artillery, for information of Payne.

Edmund J. Koch, employé of Colonel Olcott, for arrest of Payne, &c.

Captain Solomon Townsend, 1st Delaware cavalry, for arrest of Atzerodt.

John Lee, detective of force of Major O'Beirne, for information of Atzerodt and other conspirators, and general services.

Lieutenant John J. Toffey, Veteran Reserve Corps, Private F. O'Daniel, 1st

Delaware cavalry, and Nathan Page, Brook Stabler, and W. J. Hines, citizens, for information of Atzerodt.

Lieutenant W. M. Runkle, 3d Pennsylvania artillery, for services after arrest of Atzerodt.

Provost Marshal James L. McPhail, of Baltimore, for arrest of O'Laughlin and Arnold, and information and general services.

V. Randall and E. G. Horner, detectives of force of Provost Marshal McPhail, for arrest of Arnold.

W. G. Wallis, detective of force of City Marshal Carmichael, of Baltimore, and James S. Allison, citizen, for arrest of O'Laughlin.

Benjamin B. Hough, John G. Barber, Thomas O. Harter, John A. Love, James White, William Parker, Kenneth Cambell, detectives and employés of Provost Marshal McPhail, for information and general services.

Edwin Tuttle, John L. Smith, J. W. Smith, William Smith, William McPhail, M. J. Morgan, William Parker, Joseph Lynch, and J. N. Goldsborough, reported by Provost Marshal McPhail, for information and general services.

Lieutenant Colonel Henry Harnden, three officers and 148 non-commissioned officers and men of first Wisconsin cavalry, for arrest of Davis.

Privates Isaac S. Bechtel and Henry Thompson, third Ohio veteran cavalry, and private Willard J. Witley, forty-sixth New York volunteers, for services upon arrest of Davis.

Official copy :

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

EXHIBIT B.

POWERS OF ATTORNEY GIVEN BY CLAIMANTS ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO SHARES IN THE SEVERAL REWARDS.

Captors of Booth and Herold.

Represented by A. G. Riddle, esq., attorney-at-law, Washington :

Sergeant Andrew Wendell, to E. Von Woyna & Co., Washington.

Corporal John Walz, to E. Von Woyna & Co., Washington.

Corporal Oliver Lompay or Lonkey, to E. Von Woyna & Co., Washington.

Corporal Michael Hornsby, to E. Von Woyna & Co., Washington.

Private Abraham Snay, to E. Von Woyna & Co., Washington.

Private John Millington, to E. Von Woyna & Co., Washington.

Private John A. Singer, to E. Von Woyna & Co., Washington.

Private Carl Steinbugge, to E. Von Woyna & Co., Washington.

Private Joseph Zisgen, to E. Von Woyna & Co., Washington.

Private Franklin McDaniel, to Sidney Lawrence, Moira, New York.

Private David Baker, to Albert G. Carver, Plattsburg, New York.

NOTE.—Corporals Zimmer and Newgarten, and Privates Myres, Ryan, and Putnam, who had given powers of attorney to E. Von Woyna & Co., revoked the same November 2, 1865, (instruments of revocation on file.) A. G. Riddle, esq., attorney of E. Von Woyna & Co., files receipts of these five for advances made them by E. Von Woyna & Co.

Corporal John Winter, who had given power to E. Von Woyna & Co. July 31, gave a subsequent one to Peter Ely, Buffalo, New York, November 30, 1865, (both powers on file.)

Private Frederick Dietz, who had given power to E. Von Woyna & Co. July 13, gave a subsequent one to Peter Ely, Buffalo, New York; December 5, 1865, (both powers on file.)

Private Lewis Savage, who had given power to E. Von Woyna & Co. July 31, gave a subsequent one to J. W. DeKraft & Co., Washington, D. C., November 17, 1865, (both powers on file.)

Corporal Michael Uniac has given powers as follows : One to E. Von Woyna & Co., July 13 ; three to Johnson & Wilmot, of New York city, (who appear to have taken an assignment of his claim and to have made him advances,) dated, respectively, September 14, October 16, and December 15 ; and one to Allen & Latson, of Washington, D. C., of November 13, 1865, (powers, &c., on file.)

Corwin, Owen & Wilson, attorneys-at-law, Washington, D. C., state in letter of December 13, that they hold the power of Private Emery Parady, but do not file the same.

Captors of Atzerodt.

NOTE.—Sergeant Z. W. Gemmill, who gave power of attorney to A. S. Cox & Co., Washington, D. C., dated August 25, has filed a formal revocation of the same, dated December 27, 1865.—(Power and instrument of revocation on file.)

Captors of Davis.

Captain Charles T. Hudson, company E, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

First Lieutenant Lauren H. Ripley, company A, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

First Lieutenant Henry S. Boutell, company C, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

First Lieutenant Herbert A. Backus, company D, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

First Lieutenant Thomas H. B. Hazzleton, company I, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

First Lieutenant John S. Pugsley, regimental commissary, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Second Lieutenant John Bennett, company B, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Second Lieutenant L. C. Remington, company K, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

First Sergeant Edwin Hines, company E, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

First Sergeant George Davenport, company K, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Sergeant Thomas Davis, company A, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Sergeant Thomas D. Smeed, company C, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Sergeant Benjamin S. Vest, company E, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Sergeant Calhoun M. Burch, company E, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Sergeant Daniel Crotty, company H, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Sergeant Emory Miller, company I, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Sergeant Andrew Snook, company K, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Sergeant George R. Vantine, company K, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Corporal Lyman J. Russell, company A, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Corporal Nelson B. Tuttle, company B, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Corporal James H. Place, company D, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Corporal William H. Crittenden, company E, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Corporal Charles W. Tyler, company E, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Private Patrick Haggerty, company H, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Corporal Preston W. Brown, company I, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Private William Dill, company I, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Nathaniel Rix, company E, (farrier,) to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Private James Fullerton, company A, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Private John L. Harlan, company A, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

Private John Rose, company A, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private John Trumbell, company B, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Gabriel Swaggart, company C, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Tomas Robb, company C, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Henry D. Murry, company C, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Barnibas A. Mosher, company D, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Jacob Baur, company D, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Robert G. Tripp, company E, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private George Ellis, company E, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Selah Cochrane, company E, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private William J. Fraser, company E, (saddler,) to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private William A. Davenport, company H, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private William O. Wilson, company H, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private John Sullivan, company H, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Charles Flugler, company I, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private George W. Bodwell, company I, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Lucius N. Wade, company K, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Rensler Ransom, company K, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private John Nelson, company K, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Smith B. Mills, company K, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Edwin Mabie, company K, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Nathaniel Root, company K, (artificer,) to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Stilman W. Green, company L, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private George L. King, company G, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Cornelius Bassford, company M, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.
 Private Nathan E. Harrison, company M, to Brady E. Backus, Detroit.

NOTE.—B. E. Backus, esq., also files will of Private Andrew Clara, (or Cleary,) company B, late deceased, but no evidence of proof or administration of the same.

Sergeant Abel A. Braley, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Sergeant Morris Brass, company B, (commissary sergeant,) to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.

Sergeant George A. Bullard, company E, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Sergeant Solomon Wightman, company H, (commissary sergeant,) to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.

Corporal John F. Sherburne, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Corporal William W. Crow, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Corporal Charles F. Parker, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Corporal Baxter B. Bennett, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Corporal Ephraim Truesdale, company D, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Corporal Dewitt C. Carr, company E, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Corporal William H. Conover, company H, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Corporal Martin V. Pomeroy, company I, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Private Peter Gallagher, company A, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Private James B. Boyle, company A, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Private Thomas Lennon, company A, (blacksmith,) to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.

Private William V. Wood, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Private Albert B. Bradley, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Private Jacob J. Powell, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Private Solomon Powell, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Private A. N. Babcock, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Private William P. Steadman, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Private Lewis H. Wilcox, company B, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit.
 Private Burt Judson, company D, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private John A. Horrigan, company D, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Edwin Besha, company E, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Silas Bullard, company E, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Geo. F. Dalmage, company E, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Joseph Riley, company E, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private John E. Brown, company E, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Peter Lagary, company E, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Geo. Glazer, company F, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private James St. John, company F, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Joseph Bellinger, company F, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Robt. Ferguson, company G, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Chas. Powell, company H, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Jerome B. Cady, company H, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Joseph Laturno, company I, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private John Lamphere, company I, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Henry Malone, company K, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Thomas Foley, company K, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Francis M. Eddy, company L, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Danl. H. Edwards, company L, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Perry Phelps, company L, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Elisha B. Perkins, company M, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Andrew Anderson, company M, to Robinson & Brooks, Detroit, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant Chacla M. Bichford, company E, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant Alfred B. Purinton, company I, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

First Sergeant Elias F. Pierce, company I, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Sergeant Jacob N. Trask, company G, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Sergeant Benjamin F. Archer, company G, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Corporal John Ballou, company G, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Corporal Leander B. Shaw, company G, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Private Ira Stockwell, company C, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Private Joseph Odrin, company G, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Private Cary Reed, company G, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Private John A. Skinner, company G, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Private Chas. Craig, company I, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Private Wm. Filkins, company K, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Private Ezra Bair, company M, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Private Lewis R. Bridge, company G, to C. D. Randall, Coldwater, Michigan.

Lieutenant Colonel B. D. Pritchard, fourth Michigan cavalry, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

First Lieutenant Charles W. Fisk, company H, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant Samuel F. Murphy, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

First Lieutenant J. G. Dickinson, (adjutant.) to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

First Lieutenant Perry J. Davis, (regimental quartermaster,) to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Commissary Sergeant Harlan P. Dunning, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Sergeant Chas. L. Leathers, company C, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Sergeant John F. Beebe company L, (commissary sergeant,) to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Sergeant Levi Tuttle, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Sergeant Jas. H. Holdsworth, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Sergeant G. N. Kenyon, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Sergeant A. C. Burnham, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Sergeant Benj. K. Colf, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Sergeant Joseph Hofmaster, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Corporal George Myers, company G, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Corporal Wm. G. Rowe, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Corporal Chas. F. Tubah, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Corporal Charles C. Marsh, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Corporal Wm. M. Oliver, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private Gilbert H. Haight, company A, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private John Harrington, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private Alonzo Miller, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private J. William Linsley, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private Edward Lowe, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private Judson J. Bailey, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private Otis L. Holton, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private Ferdinand Sebright, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private William West, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private John C. Keiser, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private Sam'l F. Martin, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private A. C. Fisk, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private Henry Smith, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private William Munn, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private Geo. Noggle, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private Andrew Bee, company L, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private Samuel W. Hubbard, company M, to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Private W. H. Williams, company L, (saddler,) to Williams & Pritchard, Allegan, Michigan.

Sergeant Thomas Riley, company A, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Sergeant Geo. H. Simmons, company A, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Sergeant Rezin Wright, company A, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Sergeant Alonzo E. Ford, company B, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Sergeant Wm. H. Palmateer, company G, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Sergeant James T. O'Brien, company G, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Sergeant Lester P. Bates, company I, (commissary sergeant,) to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Sergeant Ansel Adams, company K, (commissary sergeant,) to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Corporal Reuben Palmerton, company C, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Corporal Adam Kline, company F, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Corporal Jerome B. Hatch, company I, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Corporal Robert L. Reynolds, company A, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Private John Fleming, company A, (saddler,) to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Corporal David Q. Curry, company C, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Private William Parker, company D, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Private George H. Mott, company D, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Private James Lindsey, company E, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Private Luke M. Thayer, company I, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Private Hiram H. McCullough, company I, to J. Lowenthal & Co., Washington.

Sergeant Samuel Van Etten, company H, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.

Sergeant Martin Horan, company H, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.

Corporal Horace Heath, company H, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.

Corporal Charles Blackall, company H, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.

Private Benjamin F. Sherman, company C, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.

Private Orin Wiswell, company D, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.

Farrier Watson S. Williams, company D, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.

Private Homer Hill, company H, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.

Private Oscar Thomas, company H, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.

Private Madison A. Hoose, company H, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.

Private Francis Warner, company H, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.
 Private John Saur, company H, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.
 Private Augustus Graun, company H, to Helmick & Winn, Washington.
 Private Jerome Rockwell, company C, to Herron & Thompson, Paw-Paw, Michigan.

Private George B. Rediker, company C, to Herron & Thompson, Paw-Paw, Michigan.

Private James F. Bullard, company C, to Herron & Thompson, Paw-Paw, Michigan.

Private David Dillon, company C, to E. A. Thompson, Paw-Paw, Michigan.
 Second Lieutenant L. T. Southworth, company H, to H. N. Sheldon, Hastings, Michigan.

Corporal Daniel P. Welton, company H, to H. N. Sheldon, Hastings, Michigan.

Private Lucius O. Bates, company H, to H. N. Sheldon, Hastings, Michigan.

Private James P. Reynolds, company H, to H. N. Sheldon, Hastings, Michigan.

Private John W. Holmes, company H, to H. N. Sheldon, Hastings, Michigan.

Private Edwin Crout, company H, to H. N. Sheldon, Hastings, Michigan.

Private A. F. Shepard, company B, to A. E. Cowles, Lansing, Michigan.

Private Francis E. Thompson, company D, to A. E. Cowles, Lansing, Michigan.

Private David Greer, company H, to A. E. Cowles, Lansing, Michigan.

Private Francis J. Corey, company H, to A. E. Cowles, Lansing, Michigan.

Private Abraham Black, company I, to A. E. Cowles, Lansing, Michigan.

Private Edwin Potter, company K, to A. E. Cowles, Lansing, Michigan.

Private Jacob D. Newth, company K, to A. E. Cowles, Lansing, Michigan.

Private Erastus W. Blair, company B, to J. W. de Krafft & Co., Washington.

Private Azro Blakslee, company C, to J. W. de Krafft & Co., Washington.

Private Gilbert H. Darling, company C, to J. W. de Krafft & Co., Washington.

Private John Higgins, company K, to J. W. de Krafft & Co., Washington.

Corporal James Peeler, company E, to A. J. Sawyer, Chelsea, Michigan.

Farrier Orlando E. Carpenter, company E, to A. J. Sawyer, Chelsea, Michigan.

Private Oscar Decker, company E, to A. J. Sawyer, Chelsea, Michigan.

Private Albert J. Webb, company E, to A. J. Sawyer, Chelsea, Michigan.

Corporal Darwin Dunning, company A, to Howard & Welch, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Henry M. Winsor, company D, to Howard & Welch, Detroit, Michigan.

Private Joseph Cogswell, company H, to Howard & Welch, Detroit, Michigan.

Ernest Hines, father of Corporal John Hines, company E, to Howard & Welch, Detroit, Michigan,

NOTE.—This power is accompanied by the affidavit of Ernest Hines, that Corporal Hines has deceased, unmarried, leaving no widow or child. It is understood to be the general practice of the Treasury Department to pay to the father in such cases; but it is recommended that before payment is made in this case, the applicant be required to show whether Corporal Hines left a brother or sister; and if so, whether by the laws of Michigan such brother or sister is not entitled to his share of the reward; and further, either that Corporal Hines died intestate, or, if leaving a will, that there is nothing in such will to prevent such payment of his share in the reward as would otherwise be made.

Corporal George M. Munger, company C, to Charles C. Tucher, Washington.

Corporal Abram Sebring, company C, to Charles C. Tucher, Washington.

Private Ransellaer Riggs, company C, to Charles C. Tucher, Washington.

Private Charles Martin, company E, to Charles C. Tucher, Washington.

Private Benjamin F. Carpenter, company L, to Charles C. Tucher, Washington.

Farrier Hiram S. Youngs, company D, to Lewis & Seely, Vassar, Michigan.
 Private Joshua Parks, company G, to Lewis & Seely, Vassar, Michigan.
 Private Philo Morse, company A, to Lewis & Seely, Vassar, Michigan.
 Private B. Franklin Nichols, company F, to J. Ten Eyck, Pontiac, Michigan.
 Private John S. Terrance, company K, to J. Ten Eyck, Pontiac, Michigan.
 Private Charles H. Stephens, company K, to J. Ten Eyck, Pontiac, Michigan.
 Private John H. Cunningham, company K, to W. W. Stickney, Lapeer,

Michigan.

Private Winfield S. Tripp, company K, to W. W. Stickney, Lapeer, Michigan.
 Private John S. Booth, company K, to W. W. Stickney, Lapeer, Michigan.
 Corporal William McCune, company H, to W. Van Marter, Washington.
 Private William J. Smith, company C, to W. Van Marter, Washington.
 Private Horace C. Jenne, company D, to W. Van Marter, Washington.
 Sergeant Robert W. Morris, company D, to A. G. Noyes, Detroit, Michigan.
 Private Charles W. Nichols, company A, to A. G. Noyes, Detroit, Michigan.
 Private John G. Brindle, company E, to A. G. Noyes, Detroit, Michigan.
 Private William H. J. Martin, company D, to William F. Bascom, General Agent United States Sanitary Commission, Washington, D. C.

Private Jacob E. Munn, company D, to William F. Bascom, General Agent United States Sanitary Commission, Washington, D. C.

Private Gilbert Cota, company A, to Darius Forbes, United States Sanitary Commission. Washington.

Private Levi H. Hatch, company D, to Charles W. Clisbee, Cassopolis, Michigan.

Private Henry Brodock, company F, to Charles W. Clisbee, Cassopolis, Michigan.

Private Harmon Stephens, company C, to J. G. Murdock, Big Rapids, Michigan.

Private Abram H. Fox, company K, to J. G. Murdock, Big Rapids, Michigan.

First Sergeant Wesley D. Pond, company M, to Knappen & Burrows, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Private Rodney G. Flower, company L, to Knappen & Burrows, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Corporal John Morrish, company K, to George R. Gold, Flint, Michigan.

Private Laurens Fletcher, company H, to George R. Gold, Flint, Michigan.

Private Peter Williams, company B, to F. G. Russell, Detroit.

Private David B. Skinner, company B, to F. G. Russell, Detroit.

Private Russell S. Seaman, company E, to E. O. Rose, Big Rapids, Michigan.

George Ruppert, father of Private John Ruppert, company C, to E. O. Rose, Big Rapids, Michigan.

NOTE.—This power is accompanied by proof that Private Ruppert has deceased, unmarried, leaving no widow or child. It is understood to be the general practice of the Treasury Department to pay to the father in such cases; but it is recommended that before payment is made in this case the applicant be required to show whether Private Ruppert left a brother or sister; and if so, whether by the laws of Michigan such brother or sister is not entitled to his share of the reward: and further, either that Private Ruppert died intestate, or, if leaving a will, that there is nothing in such will to prevent such payment of his share in the reward as would otherwise be made.

Private Mathias Esser, company I, to George W. Bullis, Manistee, Michigan.

Private Peter McKennedy, company I, to George W. Bullis, Manistee, Michigan.

Private Frederick Daventier, company G, to Eugene Fecht, Detroit.

NOTE.—Sergeant Simon Voght, company B, also gives a power of attorney to Eugene Fecht, but this power only authorizes Fecht to "prosecute the claim." It does not authorize him to receive any money.

Corporal Henry Shanahan, company M, to A. J. Smith, Cassopolis, Michigan.

Corporal Simeon Huff, company M, to A. J. Smith, Cassopolis, Michigan.

Private Robert Arnold, company M, to A. J. Smith, Cassopolis, Michigan.

Private John Vantnyle, company M, to A. J. Smith, Cassopolis, Michigan.
 Corporal Leander Van Kleeck, company K, to William Hemingway, Lapeer, Michigan.

Private Timothy Shepard, company K, to William Hemingway, Lapeer, Michigan.

Sergeant David B. Green, company E, to James S. Demey, Pontiac, Michigan.

Sergeant John Cavanaugh, company G, to T. W. Tallmadge, Columbus, Ohio.

First Sergeant Francis Maguire, company G, to J. T. Stevens, Washington.

Sergeant Jeremiah P. Craig, company G, to E. S. Smith, Akron, Ohio.

Corporal William P. Smith, company A, to Joslin & Blodget, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Corporal William F. True, company F, to F. C. Beaman, Adrian, Michigan.

Corporal Charles Cobb, company K, to Hubbel Loomis, Lapeer, Michigan.

Private George W. Baldwin, company K, to Hubbel Loomis, Lapeer, Michigan.

Corporal E. M. Engling, company M, to H. B. Denman, Dowagiac, Michigan.

Private Thomas Baldwin, company M, to H. B. Denman, Dowagiac, Michigan.

Corporal John E. Rankin, company M, to Peter Ely, Buffalo, New York.

Private Josiah B. Moore, company A, to Hiram Cole, Decatur, Michigan.

Private Henry Prevost, company A, to Cavender & Rowse, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private John Nicholas, company B, to M. B. Wilcox, Howell, Michigan.

Private James H. Lynch, company C, to Marsh & Bates, Troy, New York.

Private Franklin Sawyer, company D, to Barkley & Watts, Louisville, Kentucky.

Private Oscar E. Tift, company E, to S. W. Fowler, Jackson, Michigan.

Private Ira Harrington, jr., company F, to C. J. Dickerson, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Private Christian Becht, company F, to M. R. Lyon, St. Joseph, Michigan.

Private Alexander Cameron, company G, to E. Banker, Jackson, Michigan.

Private Japhet Godfrey, company G, to J. H. Fairchild, Niles, Michigan.

Private John T. Byers, company I, to Striblen & Simpson, Washington.

Private James R. Norton, company K, to J. M. Crane, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Private James H. Burns, company L, to Spencer & Morse, Ionia, Michigan.

NOTE.—Two powers of attorney, given by First Lieutenant S. J. Stauber, company G, are on file, viz: One of December 4, 1865, to B. F. Yocum, of Albia, Iowa; and one of December 13, 1866, to Williams & Pritchard, of Allegan, Michigan; the latter without clause of revocation.

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E. D. TOWNSEND,
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